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SUBJ: CAMBODIA RICE NEEDS

REFS: (A) STATE 208848

(B) STATE 208794

(C) SAIGON 18284

(D) SAIGON 18278

1. REF (C) REPORTED LIKELIHOOD OF GVN PROVIDING 10,000 TONS IN TWO TRANCHES AS CONSEQUENCE AMBASSADOR'S HIGH LEVEL APPROACH HERE. FINAL AGREEMENT RELEASE THIS 10,000 TONS NOT YET RECEIVED BUT EXPECTED IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. REF (B) AND (C) SEEK GVN AGREEMENT ADDITIONAL 5,000 TONS FOR CAMBODIA WHICH WOULD COME FROM KOREAN SHIPMENT TO SAIGON INTENDED AS REPLACEMENT FOR 5,000 TONS PREVIOUSLY AGREED BY GVN AND NOW BEING SHIPPED CAMBODIA.

3. FOR REASONS STATED REF (D), GVN CAN NOT AT BEST MAKE AVAILABLE MORE THAN 10,000 TONS IN TOTAL REGARDLESS OF WHETHER FROM IN-COUNTRY STOCKS OR NEW ARRIVALS. ACCORDINGLY, CONFIDENTIAL

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AID/W PLANNING ON MEETING CAMBODIA'S NEEDS CAN ONLY BE BASED

ON MAXIMUM OF 10,000 TONS NOT 15,000 TONS. FIRST 5,000 TON VIETNAM LOAN WAS MADE ON BASIS OF PROMISE TO REPAY IN KIND WITHIN 30 DAYS AS DIRECTED BY AID/W. FAILURE TO KEEP THIS COMMITMENT WOULD RAISE SERIOUS QUESTIONS IN MINDS OF GVN OFFICIALS ABOUT ADDITIONAL RICE LOANS NOW UNDER DISCUSSION, IN ADDITION TO QUESTION OF AVAILABILITIES. THEREFORE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS ARRANGEMENT SHOULD BE CHANGED EXPECIALLY SINCE IT WILL NOT ADD TO TOTAL AVAILABILITY IN ANY EVENT.

4. ONCE WE HAVE GVN APPROVAL FOR 10,000 TONS IN TWO TRANCHES OF 5,000 TONS, FIRST TRANCHE COULD BE RELEASED PROMPTLY. SECOND TRANCHE WOULD BE RELEASED SUBSEQUENTLY (ESTIMATED WEEK TO 10 DAYS) AND ON BASIS OF APPRAISAL AT THAT TIME OF GVN'S AVAILABILITIES AND REQUIREMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER.
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